AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims as set forth below.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A program product stored in a computer readable medium that permits a computer to implement the following steps of ~~as set forth in claim 2,~~:

a specification analysis step of reading in a specification and analyzing said specification so as to obtain a number of words for preferred embodiment and a number of words of claims ;

~~wherein said characteristics include at least a specification disclosure level, and said~~ a patent value calculation step of ~~calculates~~ calculating ~~at least said specification disclosure level~~ a patent value using the following formula:

~~an amount of description for claims and an amount of a portion or entirety of description for preferred embodiments as parameters~~

{the number of words for preferred embodiment/the number of words for claims}; and

a patent value output step of outputting said patent value.

4. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A program product stored in a computer readable medium that permits a computer to implement the following steps of: ~~as set forth in claim 2,~~

a specification analysis step of reading in a specification and analyzing said specification so as to obtain the smallest number of elements composing one claim;

~~wherein said characteristics include at least an inventive feature extraction level, and said~~ a patent value calculation step of ~~calculates~~ calculating ~~at least said inventive feature level~~ a patent value using the smallest number of elements composing one claim obtained by the specification analysis step, as a parameter; and

a patent value output step of outputting said patent value.

5. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A program product stored in a computer readable medium that permits a computer to implement the following steps of: ~~as set forth in claim 2,~~

a specification analysis step of reading in a specification and analyzing said specification so as to obtain a depth of claim nesting level or a number of claim categories;

~~wherein said characteristics include at least an invention expansion level, and said~~ a patent value calculation step of ~~calculates~~ calculating ~~at least said invention expansion level~~ a patent value using ~~at least one of a number of claims, a~~ the depth of claim nesting level~~, and~~ or ~~a~~ the number of claim categories obtained in said specification analysis step, as a ~~parameters~~ parameter; and

a patent value output step of outputting said patent value.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A data processing device ~~as set forth in claim 7,~~ comprising:

a specification reader for reading in a specification;

a specification analyzer for analyzing said specification;

~~wherein said characteristics include at least a specification disclosure level, and said patent value calculation part calculates at least said specification disclosure level using an amount of description for claims and an amount of a portion or entirety of description for preferred embodiments as parameters~~

a patent value calculator for calculating a patent value based on the following formula:

{a number of words for preferred embodiment/number of words for claims};

and

a patent value output means for outputting said patent value.

9. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A data processing device ~~as set forth in claim 7,~~ comprising:

a specification reader for reading in a specification;

a specification analyzer for analyzing said specification so as to obtain a smallest number of elements composing one claim;

~~wherein said characteristics include at least an inventive feature extraction level, and said~~ a patent value ~~calculation part~~ calculator for ~~calculates~~ calculating ~~at least said inventive feature extraction level~~ a patent value using ~~a~~ the smallest

number of elements composing one claim obtained in the specification analyzer, as a parameter; and

a patent value output means for outputting said patent value.

10. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A data processing device ~~as set forth in claim 7,~~ comprising:

a specification reader for reading in a specification;

a specification analyzer for analyzing said specification so as to obtain a depth of claim nesting level or a number of claim categories;

~~wherein said characteristics include at least an invention expansion level, and said~~ a patent value ~~calculation part~~ calculator ~~calculates~~ for calculating ~~at least said invention expansion level~~ a patent value using ~~at least one of a number of claims, a~~ the depth of claim nesting level ~~, and~~ or ~~a~~ the number of claim categories obtained in the specification analyzer, as a ~~parameters~~ parameter; and

a patent value output means for outputting said patent value.

11. (New) A method implemented by a computer comprising the following steps of:

a specification analysis step of reading in a specification and analyzing said specification so as to obtain a number of words for preferred embodiment and a number of words of claims;

a patent value calculation step of calculating a patent value using the following formula:

{the number of words for preferred embodiment/the number of words for claims}; and

a patent value output step of outputting said patent value.

12. (New) A method implemented by a computer comprising the following steps of:

a specification analysis step of reading in a specification and analyzing said specification so as to obtain the smallest number of elements composing one claim;

a patent value calculation step of calculating a patent value using the smallest number of elements composing one claim obtained by the specification analysis step, as a parameter; and

a patent value output step of outputting said patent value.

13. (New) A program implemented by a computer comprising the following steps of:

a specification analysis step of reading in a specification and analyzing said specification so as to obtain a depth of claim nesting level or a number of claim categories;

a patent value calculation step of calculating a patent value using the depth of claim nesting level or the number of claim categories obtained in said specification analysis step, as a parameter; and

a patent value output step of outputting said patent value.